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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN ECOLOGICAL RESERVES: POSSIBLE VISIT TO
BRAZIL BY APPROPRIATE U. S. REPS

1. DURING RECENT EXCHANGES WITH STATE AND INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U. S., BRAZILIAN CNPQ LEADERS DION AND DANTAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GETTING COOPERATION OF APPROPRIATE U. S. AGENCIES IN PLANNING OF ECOLOGICAL RESERVES WHICH BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW LAYING OUT. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ON TROPICAL FOREST AND ARID LANDS MANAGEMENT UNDER THE UNESCO/MAB PROGRAM ALSO WAS DISCUSSED. PRINCIPAL REFERENCES ARE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DR. DION AND DR. DONALD R. KING OF STATE IN FEBRUARY, 1976, AND BETWEEN DR. DANTAS OF CNPQ AND PROFESSOR DARDANO ANDRADE LIMA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERNAMBUCO WITH DAVID MCGRATH OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, IN MAY, 1976.

2. FOR SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS OF FEASIBILITY AND PLANNING OF THIS COOPERATION, BRAZILIANS SUGGESTED POSSIBLE VISIT TO BRAZIL BY APPROPRIATE U. S. REPRESENTATIVES IN SECOND QUARTER OF 1976. WE WOULD BE OBLIGED IF SCIENCE ATTACHE WOULD RAISE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH APPROPRIATE CNPQ CONTACTS TO ASCERTAIN IF BRAZILIANS STILL INTERESTED AND, IF SO, WHEN AND WITH WHAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS.

3. A POINT WHICH COULD BE MADE WITH GOB IS THAT ON-SITE CONSULTATIONS RE POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN ECOLOGICAL AREA CAN BE TIED IN WITH MEETING (WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED ALSO BE HELD IN AUGUST) OF S&T GROUP.

4. FYI. VENEZUELA HAS ASKED FOR SIMILAR U. S. GROUP TO VISIT CARACAS AND OTHER POINTS IN AUGUST, AND IT MAY BE CONVENIENT AS WELL AS ECONOMICAL TO COMBINE SUCH A VISIT WITH TRIP TO BRAZIL IF POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, LATTER POINT SHOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH BRAZILIANS AS REASON FOR TIMING. END FYI. KISSINGER

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